

Heritage Fairs program

POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR STUDENT RESEARCH

ARTISTS AND INTELLECTUALS

- artists and authors
- musicians
- dance companies
- scientists and inventors
- teachers and education
- television and movies

CANADA AND THE WORLD

- diplomacy or peacekeeping
- relationship with the U.S.A.
- World War One
- World War Two
- the United Nations
- other international treaties
- the Canadian armed forces
- world-famous Canadians

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

- transportation routes
- controversies
- Chinese workers

CATASTROPHES

- fires
- floods
- landslides
- epidemics

COMMERCE

- forestry
- fishing
- farming / ranching
- stores and banking
- early transportation
- growth of industry
- technological changes

CELEBRATIONS

- family traditions
- Canada Day
- May Day
- B.C. Day
- leisure activities
- cultural traditions
- religious holidays

COMMUNICATION

- radio / CBC
- telephone / B.C. Tel / Telus
- mail / Canada Post
- newspapers
- television / CBC
- growth of the news media
- electronic communication

EARLY SETTLERS

- the fur trade
- exploration of Canada
- New France
- the Hudson's Bay Co./ forts
- Upper & Lower Canada
- the prairies
- patterns of settlement

ENVIRONMENT

- endangered animals
- pollution
- national parks
- use of natural resources
- anti-pollution legislation

FADS IN HISTORY

- sayings and slang
- fashions and clothing

FIRSTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- graveyard
- newspaper
- railroad track
- electricity
- paved road
- car / motor vehicle
- baby born
- retail store

FIRST NATIONS CULTURE

- history and settlement
- hunting and fishing
- games, arts and crafts
- types of housing
- residential schools
- interaction with Europeans

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

- agriculture
- cooking in the home
- gadgets or inventions

GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

- influence on settlement
- weather extremes
- landscape changes

GOVERNMENT

- famous politicians
- political parties
- confederation

HOUSING

- architecture
- home furnishings
- historic buildings
- street names
- tools / building materials

IMMIGRATION

- patterns of immigration
- official immigration policies
- multiculturalism

PERSONAL MEMORIES

- self and family history
- narrative histories

RECREATION

- sports
- dances
- parks
- old fashioned toys / games
- entertainment, ie theatres

SOCIAL STRUCTURES

- families
- community values
- historical figures
- famous pioneers
- influential women
- children's work
- family trees
- different customs

SYMBOLS OF CANADA

- flag
- coat of arms
- currency
- national anthem
- maple leaf
- beaver
- Canadian horse
- provincial flags, flowers, etc

There are many other possible topics for a Fair project!

Keep the focus on Canadian history, geography, personal heritage or culture . . . and let the students create their own research ideas.

The "Heritage Minutes" provide an excellent starting point for students to explore possible topics and themes: www.histori.ca.